

# FORM B – BUILDING



Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Boston N.

698, 699

Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 16 Adams St.

Historic Name George Simonds Jr. House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1868

Source Lexington Valuation lists

Style/Form Italianate

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Brick

Wall/Trim Vinyl Siding

Roof Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures Barn (garage)

Major Alterations (with dates)

Rear addition (date unknown)

Resided (1990s)

Condition Fair

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 1 A.

Setting On a heavily-trafficked residential street in a neighborhood of 19th- and early 20th-century houses with later 20th-century infill

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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month / year) January 1998

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### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

16 Adams St. (MHC #698) is one of several simple front-facing L-shaped Italianate cottages in Lexington and, while not as intact as some, contributes to the group of 19th- and early 20th-century houses on lower Adams St. The original house is 1½ stories with a cross-gabled roof and a small end ridge chimney. It is on a brick foundation, sided with vinyl, and has an asphalt shingle roof. The main entry is located in the re-entrant angle, the windows are 2/2 double hung sash, and a porch, also in the re-entrant angle, has turned posts and cut-out brackets. The two-story shed-roofed rear addition is on a cement foundation. A small barn (MHC #699) at the rear is front-gabled and retains its wood clapboards and sliding door.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ see continuation sheet

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

Lexington assessors' records indicate that this house was built by George Simonds Jr. (1838–1900) in 1868, for he had purchased the land on which it stands in August 1867 and in May 1869 was assessed for a house on it. George Simonds Jr. had presumably grown up in the house now at 185 Burlington St. (MHC #745), which was built by his father, and is identified as a carpenter in 1880 and 1890 *Directories*.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*